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In re Application of: **Sean M. Reilly, et al.**

Application. No.: **09/826,045**

Examiner: **R. Gitomer**

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Group Art Unit: **2364**

For: **Method and Kit for Detecting Microorganisms**

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2003.

Election/Restriction

Claims 1 to 18 are subject to restriction pursuant to the Office Action of June 6, 2003.

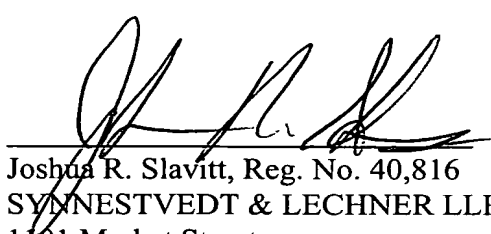
Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, that is, claims 1-11.

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Claims 12 to 18 are hereby withdrawn without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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